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ASSAULTING GAME AGENTS BRINGS 6 MONTHS IN JAIL

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For assaulting a Federal and a State game agent, a man and two sons have been sentenced to 6 months in jail by Judge Charles G. Briggie in Federal Court at Quincy, Ill., reports the U. S. Biological Survey. A fourth member of the family, also involved, is in the hospital and will be arraigned later.

A game management agent of the Biological Survey with an Illinois State game investigator on November 21, 1937 confiscated ducks and guns in the possession of the three men who have been sentenced. A few hours later, the three men, reinforced by the fourth, who was armed, accosted the wardens and at the point of a gun recovered the confiscated ducks and guns.

Arrested later by the wardens accompanied by peace officers from two Illinois counties, the men were lodged in jail temporarily in lieu of bond.

"Such individuals", says W. E. Crouch, head of the Game Management Division of the Bureau, "furnish a constant problem. Game-law violators are usually hunters, armed. Frequently they are men who refuse to recognize game regulations as law. Such violators must be handled with utmost care, and special training has been devoted to developing a force to handle them without bloodshed. Game Management agents of the Survey are Federal officers. Penalties for interfering with them in the discharge of their duties or for resisting arrest are the same as for such action against other Federal officers."

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